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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 3267

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EALR, IV, ENRG
SUBJECT: SECOND OIL DEPOSIT DISCOVERED OFFSHORE
IN THE IVORY COAST

REF: ABIDJAN 2361

1. ESSO EXPLORATION RECENTLY INFORMED THE GOIC
OF A PRESUMED COMMERCIAL DISCOVERY AT THE TWELTH
AND FOURTEENTH HOLES DRILLED OFFSHORE. THE DEPOSIT
IS LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF GRAND BASSAM, SIX TO SEVEN
MILES OFFSHORE AND TEN MILES EAST OF THE BELIER
DEPOSIT WHICH ESSO PLANS TO EXPLOIT (SEE REFTTEL).
IT IS LOCATED IN 150 FEET OF WATER, THE PETROLEUM
IS AT A DEPTH OF ABOUT 7,000 FEET. FURTHER WORK
WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE ESSO CAN DETERMINE THE
EXTENT OF THE RESERVES AND WHETHER THE DEPOSIT
WILL ACTUALLY WARRANT EXPLOITATION.

2. THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC; ESSO
WOULD LIKE IT TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
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Message Attributes

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